**PM Saudi interior minister review ties in phone call**

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**Qatar unveils new Centre for Security, Safety, Cybersecurity and Civil Defence**

The launch of the Centre for Security, Safety, Cybersecurity and Civil Defence, held at the Convention Centre. The Amir was briefed on the pavilions and sections of the exhibition as well as the latest innovations and technologies exhibited by local and international companies in the fields of security, safety, cybersecurity and civil defence. In addition, it was explained the major event security management, in addition to a number of modern military armoured vehicles, weapons and armoured cars.

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**UNDP to open office in Doha**

Qatar and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have signed an agreement to establish an office for the programme in Qatar. The Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations in New York Ambassador Sheikha Moza bint Nasser signed the agreement on behalf of Qatar, while UNDP’s representative signed the agreement on behalf of UNDP. The agreement comes within the framework of increasing the effectiveness of government-funded development programmes and strengthening co-operation in areas of common interest. The office will focus on strengthening co-operation between UNDP and the government of Qatar in order to promote sustainable development goals at the global level and other goals that the programme seeks to achieve in the development field. (QNA)

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**Aviation analyst Alex Macheras examines the impact of the move on the potential passengers to the UK in a Question & Answer format**

**UK bans flights from Qatar, Oman**

British has added Qatar to its red list, and has banned flights from Qatar to Britain with immediate effect. This means that all passengers who have been in Qatar in the previous 10 days cannot enter the UK. (QNA Page 12)

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**Amir visits Milipol Qatar 2021**

Amir's visit to Milipol Qatar 2021, a global event for the security sector, held at the Qatar National Convention Centre.

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**510,000 vaccine doses administered in Qatar**

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- 15% of Qatar’s adult population have received at least one dose

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**Qatar launches AI Tadweer programme for recycling benchmark in Qatar**

Qatar’s waste management company, Qatar Environmental Agency (QWEA), announces the launch of an AI programme to benchmark recycling in Qatar.
HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz al-Thani yesterday met a number of interior ministers and senior officials of countries participating in Milipol Qatar 2021. He met Ukrainian Minister of Interior Arsen Avakov, Kenyan Minister of Interior Fred Matiang’i, Belarus Minister of Interior Major General Ivan Vladimirovich Kubrakov, Moldovan Minister of Interior Pavel Fico, Somali Minister of Internal Security Hassan Handabi Jamaali, Bosnia and Herzegovina’s Minister of Security Dr Selmo Cikotic, and Turkey’s Director of General Directorate of Security Mehmet Aktas. The meetings reviewed relations between Qatar and their countries, especially in the security fields, in addition to reviewing a number of issues of common concern.

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Qatar participates in UN Conference on Women

Qatar participated yesterday in the Fourth Conference on Women and the 23rd special session of the UN General Assembly. Qatar was represented at the conference by HE the Minister of Administrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs Yousef bin Mohamed Al-Othman Fakhro. In Qatar’s speech, the minister affirmed Qatari support for the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the 23rd special session of the General Assembly. In order to enhance the role of women in community and ensure their participation and representation in decision-making positions, Qatar has taken many legislative and executive measures to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women, he said. The constitution of the State stipulates that “The Citizens of Qatar shall be equal in public rights and duties.” All persons are equal before the law and there shall be no discrimination whatsoever on grounds of sex, race, language, or religion.

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QFFD signs core contribution agreement to support WHO

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Qatar has signed a core contribution agreement with WHO for the implementation of the Thirteenth General Programme of Work (GPW13) to enable WHO to address health emergencies, reduce health risks and address health determinants that are needed for favourable re-
sults. HE the Minister of Public Health & Population, Dr. Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani, said: “Qatar’s contribution to the Thirteenth General Programme of Work (GPW13) 2019-2023, to ensure the ‘triple bottom line’ to ensure that the more people benefitting from IHR, the more people supported during emergencies and the more countries enjoying better health and well-being. It also supports the initia-

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Civil defence, cyber threats in focus at Milipol seminars

**QNA 2021**

On the sidelines of the 13th edition of Milipol Qatar, a specialized seminar was held at the Qatar University to highlight the participation of experts in security and civil protection. In a seminar devoted to civil defence, Qatar’s General Directorate of Civil Defence presented its experiences in ensuring Qatar’s infrastructure and achieving the highest international standards, in addition to securing World Cup 2022 facilities and developing the operations according to the highest international standards.

Capt. Mohamed Ali Al-Attiyah, the Director of the Qatar Police Operations Department, said in his speech: “The security of Qatar is reflected in the safety and security of its citizens, as well as its foreign residents and visitors who come to Qatar for the World Cup 2022. We sought to ensure the safety and security of Qatar during these events, as well as to protect its citizens and visitors from any threats and incidents. The seminars discussed the importance of providing adequate infrastructure for Qatar’s safety and security needs and the need for national and international collaboration and cooperation to combat these challenges. Participants stressed the importance of maintaining strong partnerships in the field of civil defence, highlighting its efficiency and effectiveness in achieving the highest levels of safety and protection for citizens and residents. The seminars also underscored the need to continue our cooperation in the field of civil defence, calling for international cooperation to confront the new challenges related to cyber threats and piracy in the region. The seminars also discussed the importance of maintaining adequate infrastructure for Qatar’s safety and security needs.”

The seminars were attended by a number of experts and scholars in the field of civil defence, cybersecurity, and cyber threats.

**AAB Main Sponsor of Milipol Qatar ’21**

A ABB have supported the 13th edition of Milipol Qatar from a global angle and the local automotive market. ABB is the Main Sponsor of Milipol Qatar. ABB also sponsored the event and presented the new Toyota cross HEV at the exhibition.

AABB Management Chair Mika Lauhde said on the sidelines of the event: “The automotive market has a strong potential in Qatar, and ABB is determined to continue its support of the automotive market. We are pleased to see the new Toyota cross HEV, which is a new member of our automotive portfolio. ABB is also committed to supporting the automotive market in Qatar, especially in the field of cybersecurity and cyber threats.”

The ABB management took the opportunity to thank the organisers for giving them another opportunity to sponsor Milipol Qatar, wishing the event all success.

**Global co-operation needed to face data protection challenges**

By Mika Lauhde

G lobal co-operation is needed to ensure cybersecurity and privacy protection standards. The challenge is faced by companies, governments, and other entities. The need for global co-operation stems from the fact that cyber threats are not limited to a particular country or region. They can affect any part of the world and require international collaboration to address them effectively. Countries need to work closely together to ensure that they are able to share information and resources, and to coordinate their efforts in response to cyber threats.

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Qatar pays great focus to sustainable development: minister

The Diplomatic Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Doha Institute for Graduate Studies (DIQ) signed a co-operation agreement for the implementation of the Executive Master of Diplomatic Studies and International Co-operation Programme (EMDISP) in partnership with the Diplomatic Institute of the African Group (DIPAG). The agreement, signed by HE the Foreign Minister Sheikh Muhammad bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani and HE the President of the Diplomatic Institute for the African Group (DIPAG) Dr Aminu Onana, marks the beginning of a comprehensive partnership between the two institutions at the national, regional, and global level, paying great attention to sustainable development with all its various aspects: social, economic, and environmental.

For his part, Dr al-Afandi said that his institution is the implementation of the initiative of Qatar’s Acting President Dr Abdulrahman bin Muhammad Al-Attiya. He also welcomed the lifting of all sanctions against Sudan, saying that the transitional period requires enhancing the state of human rights. He called for institutionalising the protection of all persons from enforced disappearance, renewing his commitment to support GANHRI’s efforts with the support of NGOs to ensure that the transitional period is conducive to the consolidation of all governmental enterprises to help them confront the difficulties they face due to the coronavirus pandemic. The committee decided to complete the study of this issue at the next meeting.

Qatar congratulates Sudan on rights council membership

From its commitment to human rights, the Qatari government, represented by the Ministry of Human Rights, organises training on various topics, including the International Labour Organization’s Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work.

The Shura Council held a parallel session titled “Building a better future where no one is left behind”, with the participation of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet, and other speakers. The meeting was held under the motto of the Qatar Digital Government Strategy, as a highlight from the UN World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum 2021, which was held this year.

Chinese participation in the parallel session on recovery strategies from Covid-19

Shura Council committees hold meetings

The Financial and Economic Affairs Committee of the Shura Council held a meeting on Monday, which was chaired by the President HE Shiekh Abdulrahman bin Ali Al-Mahmoud. During the meeting, the committee reviewed the projects of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in light of the support that GANHRI pledged to provide the necessary technical support to achieve the ministry’s vision of sustainable development in line with the SDGs. The committee approved of representing Qatar in a decent manner in international forums, and performs its diplomatic duties efficiently, protecting the interests of the State in line with the SDGs.

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The Shura Council Committee held a meeting yesterday, chaired by HE the Secretary General of the Shura Council Mohammad bin Ali al-Hammadi, in light of the support of all sections of the society, especially the elderly and migrant workers. The committee discussed and decided to complete its study at the next meeting.
Vodafone gifts AI Noor Institute students assistive smartwatches

The Ministry of Public Health also recorded 150 new recoveries from the virus during the past 24 hours, of which 450 were from the private sector and 644 from the public sector. The total number of recoveries reached 158,853.

50,000 vaccines doses administered in Qatar

Vodafone Qatar and the University of Jordan's School of Business and Economics (SBE) signed a cooperation agreement to support students and create an environment that helps them achieve their goals.

MoPH reports 479 new Covid cases

The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) recorded 457 new infections and 454 recoveries from the virus during the past 24 hours, of which 450 were recorded in the private sector and 644 in the public sector. The total number of recoveries reached 158,853.
Qatar launches Ad Tawdeer programme to establish recycling benchmark in Qatar

Qatar Green Building Council (QGBC) has announced the launch of the Ad Tawdeer programme, which aims to establish a recycling benchmark in Qatar.

The programme, partly sponsored by HSBC Qatar and VCUarts Qatar, was launched via a webinar attended by engineers, architects, designers, and waste management experts.

The programme aligns with QGBC’s goal to drive the Qatar community towards a circular economy by encouraging the recycling of waste materials.

According to Dearden, the programme was launched to create a programme that will ensure continued striving in the recycling industry in Qatar. Recycling is an important aspect of Qatar’s sustainability goals, as the country aims to reduce its waste generation and promote a circular economy.

The programme will support the recycling industry in Qatar, encouraging the collection and processing of waste materials to ensure that they are reused for new purposes.

The programme will also provide a platform for stakeholders to share their experiences and best practices in waste recycling, promoting collaboration and knowledge exchange.

The programme is part of Qatar’s commitment to the 2022 FIFA World Cup, where sustainability and waste management are key priorities.

As part of the programme, a webinar was held to introduce the initiative and outline its objectives. The webinar was attended by representatives from various sectors, including engineers, architects, and waste management experts.

The webinar featured presentations on the importance of recycling and the role of the Ad Tawdeer programme in driving sustainability in Qatar.

The programme’s success will be measured by the rate of waste recycling and the number of successful waste projects implemented.

In conclusion, the Ad Tawdeer programme aims to establish a recycling benchmark in Qatar, providing a platform for stakeholders to share their experiences and best practices, and promoting a circular economy in the country.
Libya’s unity gov’t takes office

Libya’s new unity government took office last weekend in the city of Tripoli, bringing an end to years of political turmoil and instability in the oil-rich North African nation. The new government, which includes members from Tripoli and many other regions of the country, is expected to oversee national elections in the near future.

Qatar provides contribution for educating Palestinian youths

Qatar has provided $15 million to the Education Above All Foundation (EAAF) to support the education of Palestinian youths. The contribution is part of Qatar’s ongoing commitment to supporting education initiatives in the region.

South Africa’s largest ethnic group, Zulus await new king

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UK police officer remanded on kidnap, murder charges

A British police officer was remanded in custody on Saturday after being arrested last night under the Kidnap and Murder Act 1998. The woman was charged with the murder of a man and remanded in custody pending his appearance at the Westminster Magistrates Court on Monday. The April 28 arrest is in connection with the kidnap and murder of a woman at Parliament Square in London on Saturday. The latest developments in the case are due to be heard at the Westminster Magistrates Court on Monday.

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Sri Lankan Muslim leader held under anti-terror laws

Sri Lanka's justice minister has ordered the detention of a Muslim leader under anti-terrorism legislation, despite the government's announcement earlier this year that it would end such laws. The move has been criticized by human rights groups as a violation of free speech and the rule of law.

Manila widens Covid curbs as cases soar

The Philippine capital Manila has widened its lockdown measures, with authorities acting on concern over an increase in COVID-19 cases and deaths. The new measures include stricter social distancing rules and restrictions on business operations, in a bid to avoid a potential surge in infections.

Kuala Lumpur

Court to hear plea against Modi chill in riots cases

The Supreme Court on April 14 will hear a plea by four Congress legislators in the Delhi Assembly against a Yogi Adityanath order that shuts down the Assembly. The plea seeks to challenge the decision which led to the Assembly's closure and an adjournment of proceedings.

New Delhi "world's most polluted capital"

New Delhi is the world's most polluted capital city, according to a report by the World Health Organization (WHO). The city has consistently been ranked as one of the most polluted in the world, with high levels of air pollution leading to a range of health problems.

Prince Philip leaves hospital

Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, was discharged from hospital on Sunday after being treated for a bladder infection and a heart condition. He was admitted to King Edward VII's Hospital on April 12, following what was described as a "precautionary admission" at the last minute.

US and Japan warn on "destabilising behaviour"

US and Japanese officials have warned against "destabilising behaviour" in the Indo-Pacific region, following reports of increased military activity by China. The US military is seen as a key ally in the region, and both countries have been increasing their defence spending and military exercises.

CPI-M, BJP leadership in secret pact in Kerala

A report published on Wednesday claimed that there was a secret pact between CPI-M and BJP leaders in Kerala, with both parties working together to manipulate the assembly elections. The report alleged that the two parties had been in secret talks for some time, and that they were planning to form a "grand alliance" to oust the ruling Congress-led government.

Trouble for BJP

The Congress party has accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of "destabilising behaviour" in the Kerala assembly elections. The Congress has alleged that the BJP is trying to destabilise the government and secure an alliance with the opposition parties.

Modi govt flayed for Covid jab expots

The Indian government has come under fire for its handling of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout. The government has been accused of prioritising the exports of vaccines over domestic health needs, which has led to shortages and delays in the vaccination process.

Asia

This week in Asia

- South Korea and US have held a joint military exercise in the Sea of Japan, defying North Korea's recent missile test. The exercise is part of a broader push by the US and South Korea to strengthen their alliance and deter North Korea.

- India has announced plans to procure COVID-19 vaccines from various sources, including the Serum Institute of India, the world's largest producer of vaccines, and other global manufacturers. The government has set a target of vaccinating 300 million people by August.

- Japan has faced criticism for failing to distribute vaccines equitably, with many wealthy households receiving doses before the most vulnerable segments of the population. The government has been accused of prioritising exports over domestic health needs.

- The Taliban have announced that they will not participate in the upcoming peace talks in Doha, Qatar, unless the US agrees to withdraw all foreign forces from Afghanistan. The talks are aimed at ending the 20-year war and negotiating a political solution.

- North Korea has test-fired a new type of short-range ballistic missile, adding to tensions in the region. The test is part of a series of military exercises aimed at demonstrating the regime's willingness to use force.

- The Philippines has recorded a new daily record of COVID-19 cases, with over 3,000 new infections reported. The government has announced that it will continue with its vaccination program, despite concerns over the efficacy of some vaccines.

- The Indian government has been criticized for its handling of the COVID-19 pandemic, with over 100,000 new cases and 1,000 deaths reported daily. The government has been accused of failing to impose strict lockdowns and of prioritising economic recovery over public health.
Brent has rallied more than 200% after hitting an 18-year low during the pandemic
dividend world: oil rally and global growth concerns

The rally, which has been prompted by a surge in demand and a decrease in supply, has been accompanied by a sharp rise in oil prices, with Brent crude reaching a three-year high.

This is due to a number of factors, including the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on global economies, as well as the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and the reduction in oil production from OPEC+ countries.

However, some analysts have expressed concern that the oil market could become oversupplied in the coming years, which could put pressure on prices.

Overall, the oil market continues to be volatile, with prices fluctuating depending on a range of factors.
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even miners were killed in the latest of a series of coal mining incidents in the region in a week.

A blast of unknown cause in the mine in the town of Tirangar Goh in the southwestern Quetta district on Monday killed the miners, an official said. The official could not specify an explanation for the explosion as the workers were believed to be underground.

“Rescue teams recovered the bodies of all miners within a few minutes of the time that the blast occurred,” Chief Inspector of Mines Hafiz Agha told Reuters.

Forty and 76 miners were killed in Quetta in 2019 and 2020 respectively, according to official data. Quetta is a major coal mining region in Pakistan.

Government says that mine has been closed and a full investigation is underway.

In the latest incident in the region in a week, “several coal miners were killed and two others rescued after the blast,” a statement by the Sindh government said.

A W world Health Organisation (WHO) team of experts was reviewing the case and was expected to issue a statement within the next few days, the official said.

The 41 miners who were killed and 13 others rescued were working in a coal mine in the district of Harnai caused by an explosion, Deputy Commissioner Sohail Ansari said.

In the district of Harnai in the southern part of Sindh province, 13 coal miners were killed and two others rescued after a blast on Monday.

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GU-Q to hold webinar on modern-day piracy in Horn of Africa

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) at Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU) held its second webinar in its Qatar Women’s Affairs Series, focusing on “Women’s Changing Role Amid Covid-19.”

An all-female panel of prominent Qataris and business leaders tackled the consequences of the pandemic on women’s health, social, domestic, and financial security. The panel featured Dr Shurouq Karmi, Al-Shaali, economist and author of the International Family Journal; Emaas Al-Ahrar, founder of Fatma Al-Sayed, founder of ‘My Qatari Society, and How to Ensure Positive Transformation in Different Environments Where Women Have Limited Roles’; and Noura Mohamed.

Moderated by Luba Al-Dowmany, al-Dowmany, Qatar Women, Society, and Development programmes of CHSS, frank discussions turned to important recommendations and practices that can reduce the damage caused by the pandemic on society, and women in particular. The audience of graduate students and opinion leaders, particularly women, joined the panel discussions to address these issues and ask questions.

At the moment, we are not certain whether or not flights will continue to operate from the UK to Qatar and Oman, which is only scheduled to be fully lifted from late-June, at the time of writing. A national lockdown, which is currently in place, is expected to end on March 15, direct flights from Qatar to the UK at that time will be banned after Thursday. There was no indication prior to the UK’s announcement that there would be any changes to the travel ban end.

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Brilliant shadows of residents can enter Britain if the country indirectly (such as Doha-Paris-London, British citizens/ residents can reach the country indirectly enter Britain if they are able to via elsewhere to the UK. Can a Qatari visit the UK with mandatory hotel quarantine facility (at a cost of £1,750 per person) will be permitted to enter, UK would have to pay £1,750 for Doha-Paris-London, and £1,750 for people who are fully vaccinated. If I am already in UK, will I be able to enter UK? If they have been in Doha over the last ten days, will I still be able to travel to the UK by flying Doha to the UK? What if I travel from Qatar to the UK by flying Doha to the UK, and then quarantine for the UK’s required quarantine period? During the national lockdown, which is currently in place, is expected to end on March 15, direct flights from Qatar to the UK at that time will be banned after Thursday. There was no indication prior to the UK’s announcement that there would be any changes to the travel ban end.

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